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In re: Hargrett, Jr. et al.  
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For: PRESSURE VESSEL WITH COMPOSITE SLEEVE

Group Art Unit: 1772  
Examiner: Chris Bruenjes

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace Paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

A1  
[0006] Versions of such composite fabric vessels are disclosed, for example, in U.S. Patents Nos. 5,427,741 and 5,520,886, both of which are commonly assigned with the present invention. Another version is set forth in co-pending and commonly assigned application Serial No. 09/062,858, filed April 20, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,136,276, the contents of which are incorporated entirely herein by reference ("the '858 application").

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 17-35.

A2  
[Please amend the following claims:]

1. (Amended) A protective composite sleeve material for a microwave reaction vessel, said sleeve material comprising a microwave-transparent circumferentially wound layer of contiguous yarns fixed with a microwave transparent structural medium.